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NEWSLETTER FOR APPLE COMPUTER USERS

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FUTURE MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE! WE ARE NOT MEETING AT THE GREEN CENTER.

Until further notice the general meeting and the Core meet will be combined into one meeting, which will be held from 12 noon to 3 P.M. on the Sunday following the first Thursday of the month at the Clear Creek Office Park, 4251 Kipling, Wheat Ridge.

JANUARY MEETING

At the January meeting, John Nelson demonstrated his new program, "Fantasy Master", that he wrote in Applesoft using Dos 3.3. This program is a real aid for playing Dungeons & Dragons. The setup in order to play D&D is very involved. In order to generate the start-up configuration a lot of dice rolling, calculating, and writing is involved to generate such things as the treasure, characters, monsters, settings, and governments. By having the computer generate all of these things the Dungeon Master saves a lot of time and effort. Each time the program is run will be different due to the random number generator in the program. This program does not play D&D, it just generates the scenarios. John says he may have this program ready for sale in 1990 or so.

If anyone else has a program they would like to demonstrate, they are welcome to bring it to a meeting and show it to the club membership.

After John Nelson demoed his program Erik Von Halle gave a short talk on pro-dos, and fielded questions that were answered with the help of the people present.

After a short break Frank Sommer demonstrated his program "Tax Advantage II".This is the latest version of what was formerly "Tax Pac". This program is being marketed by Arrays, Incorporated, 6711 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys, California 91406 (phone # 818-994-1899).

This program uses Dos 3.3, and has an interface to the program "Home Accountant". This menu-driven program calculates your taxes for form 1040 and ten other schedules. As each change is made the program recalculates the tax and displays the effect of the change. If your printer can print underlines, the program will generate a schedule that the IRS will accept. Also, a set of transpaerencies are included so that it is not necessary to copy the information onto the tax forms. They can be photocopied since the 1040 form must still be the pre-printed form.

After his presentation Frank Sommer drew names, and Paul Wencko won a copy of "Tax Advantage II".

If you're interested in this program

contact Rick Barton (phone # 979-4066). Rick volunteered to contact Arrays,Incorporated and be a dealer so that Apple Pi members can get this program at minimum cost. Rick asks that people leave requests for this program on his answering machine because he is not home a lot of the time.

THE JANUARY DISK OF THE MONTH WAS:

FROM THE LIBRARY OF Denver Apple Pi

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VARIANCE.PRG	PAUSE.PRG	ROUND.PRG	CORRELATION.	LIN.REGRESS.
CHI.SQUARE.P	DETERMINANT.	STIRLING.PRG	ERROR.PRG	ELLIPTIC.PRG
RESIDUE.PRG	CUBIC.PRG	AREA.PRG	GEOM.MEAN.PR	FOURIER.0.PR
FOURIER.E.PR	PLOT.DEMO.PR	PLOT.DEMO.3.	PLOT.DEMO.2.	LISSAJOUS.PR
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BBS

The Apple Pi Bulletin Board is down. Don't try calling 427-7114. This number is no longer a BBS. The Apple Pi Board of Officiers is reviewing the possible options and has no immediate plans to reestablish a bulletin board service.

FONTRIX

Once upon a time, if you wanted to play with graphic elements on your Apple you had to use shape tables.

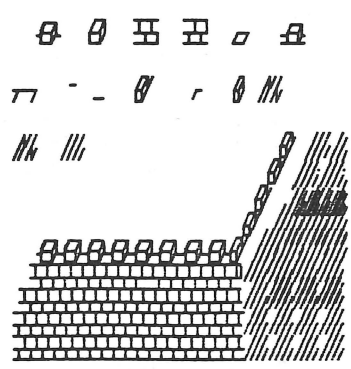
Nowadays there is "Fontrix" from Data Transforms. I haven't had to use shape tables, save graphic screens to disk, boot my graphics disk, edit my saved screen, resave my edited graphics to disk, boot my graphic printer programs, print my graphics, and then cut and paste to get the picture I want. Now I just use "Fontrix".

Using the Font Editor I created the following picture elements.

By using the cursor controls, and typing, I created the following pictures.

Soon I'll be drawing castles.

The support from Data Transforms has been excellent. I just made a local phone call to Rod Nelson and then visited their offices on Washington Street and, bought some more "Fontpaks", ("Fontpaks" are sets of new fonts sold for $25 per disk.)



DID YOU KNOW THIS KIND OF HIGH RESOLUTION GRAPHIC WAS POSSIBE ON THE APPLE II WITH JUST A DOT MATRIX PRINTER? CASTLE FONTS BY ERIK VON HALLE

Unfortunately, "Fontrix" is presently in Dos 3.3, so I have to convert my Graffiles using a special "Printrix" utility to get "Fontrix" to work with "Printrix".

I then use my three disk drives with the Seed text file I made using "Appleworks" in drive two, "Printrix" in drive one and my fonts disk with the Graffiles and "Printshop" graphics in drive three. "Printrix" then generates the Seed and I don't have to keep switching disks into and out of disk drives. "Printrix" just uses the pro-dos path name and searches until it finds the right file in the right disk drive.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

February: Rod Nelson will demo his latest version of Printrix.

March: Graphics meeting. Learn more about High resolution graphics on the Apple and using graphics from Applesoft programs. Erik Von Halle will be demonstrating new equipment and plans to have a Thunderscan present.

May: Chris Adams will demonstrate the new Chinook hard disk drive.

Other Meetings: Your Apple Pi board is

looking for volunteers to be speakers at our monthly meetings.

The SEED Savings

Question) How many programmers does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer) None! That's a hardware failure!

CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted: "Escape from Rungistan" by Sirius Software. a circa 1982 program. Call 980-8414.

THE WOZ

Big news! The Woz is comming to town. On April 14 at an as yet unknown location, Steve Wozniak, the inventor of the first Apple computers will be in Denver. So keep Thursday, April 14 open on your calanders, and watch the Seed for further details.

MACINTOSH NEWS

Our club Vice President, Paul Wencko, has been aproved by the board to buy an 800k disk drive for the club Mac and is putting together a Macintosh public domain library and plans to be writing a Mac column for the seed. So please bring any Macintosh programs or information to Paul at the regular meetings.

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NEXT MEETING

7 P.M., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1987
GLENDALE COMMUNITY CENTER
999 S. CLERMONT ST., DENVER

HOPE YOU CAN COME TO THE CHRISTMAS MEETING WITH COMPUTER C.A.C.H.E.

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